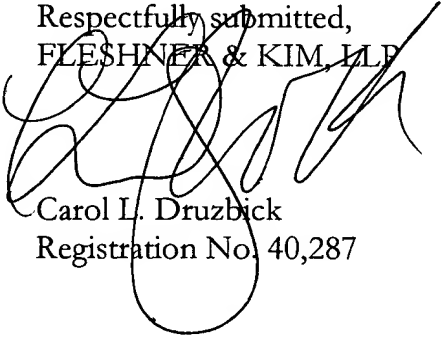


REMARKS

Claims 1-18 and 41 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 14 are amended and claim 43 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The amendments to claims 1 and 14 are merely to correct informalities. Claim 43 has been canceled to be pursued in a Continuation application. In a March 2, 2005 telephonic exchange between the Examiner and Applicants' representative, the Examiner indicated (in particular, in a telephone message to Applicants' representative) that the above amendments were acceptable and would be entered.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Carol L. Druzback**, at the telephone number listed below.

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